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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN RESPONSE TO BURMESE AND DONOR CONCERNS
REGARDING THE U.S. POSITION ON THE GLOBAL FUND

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(SBU) On Dec 18, Poloff delivered U.S. talking points on the Burmese application to the Global Fund for monies to fund efforts against malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS to Jeannie Henderson, Director for Burma at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and to Sue Nelson, her equivalent at AusAID. Nelson, whose agency has the lead on this issue within the GOA, said that the GOA was in complete agreement with American concerns that the Burmese application to the Global Fund must correct the original issues that caused the Fund to terminate previous grants. Moreover, both Australian agency representatives agreed that securing medical aid for all prisoners under the application would be of prime importance.

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